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1. DEPT FINDS REPORT REFTELS HIGHLY USEFUL. THERE FOLLOWS
OUR OWN VOTE ESTIMATE BASED ON: (A) REPLIES RECEIVED FROM
POSTS; OR (B) WHERE THESE EITHER LACKING OR INCONCLUSIVE,
VOTING BEHAVIOR AT FIRST LOW SESSION. MISSION SHOULD
ADVISE IF IT HAS ANY EVIDENCE SUPPORTING DIFFERENT PRO-
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2. FOR RULE 32: AUSTRIA, CANADA, CHILE, COSTA RICA,

CYPRUS, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, GERMANY (FED REP), GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, ISRAEL, ITALY, JAPAN, KHMER REPUBLIC, MALAYSIA, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, PHILIPPINES, SOUTH KOREA, SOUTH VIETNAM, SPAIN, THAILAND, UK, US, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA (30).

3. PROBABLY FOR RULE 32: ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, HAITI, INDONESIA, IRELAND, JORDAN, LUXEMBOURG, MEXICO, NIGER, OMAN, SAN MARINO, SAUDI ARABIA, VATICAN CITY (ASSUMPTION: THAT SAN MARINO AND VATICAN CITY WILL FOLLOW ITALY) (17).

4. SYMPATHY FOR RULE 32: GREECE, IVORY COAST, KENYA, UPPER VOLTA, ZAIRE (5)

5. FOR RULE 35: ALBANIA, ALGERIA, BULGARIA, BURUNDI, BYELORUSSIA, CHINA, CONGO, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DEM. YEMEN, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REP; GUINEA-BISSAU, LIBYA, MADAGASCAR, MALI, MAURITANIA, MONGOLIA, NORTH KOREA, NORTH VIETNAM, POLAND, ROMANIA, SENEGAL, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, SYRIA, TANZANIA, UGANDA, UKRAINE, USSR, YUGOSLAVIA (30).

6. PROBABLY FOR RULE 35: BANGLADESH, CAMEROON, EGYPT, FINLAND, INDIA, IRAQ, NORWAY, PERU, SWEDEN (9).

7. WOULD PROBABLY SUPPORT RULE 35, BUT ABSENT LAST YEAR: AFGHANISTAN, DAHOMEY, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, GABON, GUINEA, MALTA, MAURITIUS, SOMALIA, YAR, ZAMBIA (10).

8. ABSTAIN: BURMA, KUWAIT, LEBANON, MOROCCO, SWITZERLAND, TUNISIA (6).

9. PROBABLE ABSTAIN OR ABSENT: BAHRAIN, BHUTAN, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CHAD, ETHIOPIA, FRANCE, GHANA, LIECHTENSTEIN, MONACO, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, QATAR, TRINIDAD/TOBAGO, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (14).

10. ABSENT: BAHAMAS, BARBADOS, BOTSWANA, FIJI, GAMBIA, CONFIDENTIAL

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GRENADA, GUYANA, JAMAICA, LAOS, LESOTHO, MALAWI, MALDIVES, NEPAL, SINGAPORE, SOUTH AFRICA, SWAZILAND (16).

11. UNCERTAIN OR NO REPLY TO DATE: DENMARK, ICELAND, IRAN, LIBERIA, PORTUGAL, RWANDA, SIERRA LEONE, TOGO, TURKEY (9).

12. ASSUMING COUNTRIES LISTED IN PARA 2-4 VOTE FOR RULE

32 AND COUNTRIES LISTED IN PARAS 5-7 VOTE AGAINST IT AND/OR FOR RULE 35, OUTCOME WOULD BE 52(US)-49-20, WITH 9 STATES UNCERTAIN (MOST OF WHICH ARE LIKELY ABSTENTIONS). WE CALCULATE THAT AT LEAST 14 COUNTRIES INCLINED TO RULE 32 WOULD ABSTAIN ON RESOLUTION INVITING PRG (AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, DENMARK, GREECE, INDONESIA, IRELAND, ITALY, IVORY COAST, KENYA, NETHERLANDS, SAN MARINO, UPPER VOLTA, VATICAN CITY, ZAIRE). ON OTHER HAND, COUNTRIES IN PARA 7 MAY BE ABSENT AS LAST YEAR (AS MAY ALBANIA AND CHINA), AND FINLAND, NORWAY AND SWEDEN MAY ABSTAIN. VOTE ON SUBSTANCE MIGHT THUS BE 36-39(US). KEY TO OUTCOME MAY LIE WITH UNCERTAIN STATES. DEPT FOLLOWING UP IN ALL SUCH CASES UNLESS FURTHER APPROACH WOULD CLEARLY BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. UNDER THESE CLOSE VOTING CIRCUMSTANCES DEPT BELIEVES SUCCESS IN BLOCKING PRG PARTICIPATION IS LIKELY TO HINGE ON GRABER'S WILLINGNESS TO INVOLVE RULE 32, OR OTHERWISE TO PRESENT THIS ISSUE TO CONFERENCE IN MANNER NOT RPT NOT UNFAVORABLE TO OUR POSITION. KISSINGER

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